(d) The Government has evolved a multi-pronged strategy to promote exports and to curb imports to achieve the balance of payment objective of the Seventh Plan. Emphasis on the strong and sustained growth of exports both of goods and services and efficient import substitution will be continued to maintain the viability of the balance of payments position.

Arms recovered from the Riot-hit Curfew Bound Area in Meerut

2721. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large quantity of arms kept illegally have been recently recovered from the riot hit curfew bound areas in Meerut.

(b) if so what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have-taken against those from whose possession such arms have been recovered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) According to Government of Uttar Pradesh the following arms have been recovered recently from the riot-hit curfew bound areas in Meerut;

SI. No.	Name	Nos.
1.	Rifles	4
2.	DBBL Guns	10
3.	SBBL Guns	7
4.	Pistol	1
5.	Air Pistol	1
6.	Air Guns	4

2. In this connection, 95 persons were arrested. Out of these 95 persons, 93 were proceeded under various provisions of the Arms Act and the rest under the Explosives Act.

Criteria for stay of Foreigners in India

2722. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1075 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th August, 1987 and state:

(a) when there is no system of gran ting work permit to foreigners, then under what dispensation Mr. Nusli Wadia, Chairman, Bombay Dyeing, has been allowed to stay in India;

(b) what are the criteria for allowing foreigners to stay in India and do business; and

(c) upto what time Mr. Nusli Wadia can stay in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES, AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Mr. Nusli Wadia has been allowed to stay in India under provisions of the Foreigners Act, 1946 and orders issued thereunder. Extension in each case is granted periodically on merit subject to fulfilment of the requirements of the law, and a foreigner may stay in India subject to such extension.

Allocation for Development of Wireless Operations in Andhra Pradesh

2723. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the amount allocated for the development and modernisation of wireless operations in Andhra Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES, AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

(SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Under the scheme of modernisation of State police forces, central assistance to the tune of Rs. 21.45 lakhs and Rs. 22.00 lakhs has been released to the Government of Andhra Pradesh during the years 1985-86 and 1986-87 respectively for development and modernisation of wireless operations in the State. Expenditure on modernisation of police equipments is a non-plan programme.

Maharashtra Government's proposal for cleaning of Mutha River

2724. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: SHRI SURESH KALMADI;

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any proposal from the Maha rashtra Government for Mutha River Im provement Scheme at Pune on the Hnes of Ganga cleaning project; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Promotions in the Pioneer Platoon of CUPF

7725. SHRI JERUE E. TARIANG Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that while making announcement foe the establishment of the Pioneer ploooon of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), personnel already working in "RPF were asked to jom Pioneer Platoon for their promotion;

(b) whetaer it is a fact that the person nel having technical experience and tech nical certificates were not given promotion in the Platoon after intentionally misplac ing the original Recruitment Board Prc-

(c) whether Government are aware that three Head Constables without having any tschnical expeiientejcertificates, were given promotion as Sub-Inspectors (Technic.iL) in the said Platoon in spite of the fact that the other seventeen (17) Head Constables having more experitice were not promo; ted; and

(d) if so, what steps were Government intend to take to rectify the mistake?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES, AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM); (a) and (b) No, Sir, Pioneer Platoons for Special Peace Keeping Battalions of C.R.P.F. were sanctioned in August, 1981. For making selections for posting in these Platoons nomina-I tions from Central Reserve Police Force Units were invited and 96 persons found suitable were posted in March, 1982. As the Recruitment Rules had not then been framed, these persons retained their own ranks while working in Pioneer Platoons. The question of their promotion on the basis of Recruitment Board Proceedings does not arise.

(c) Five Head Constables in all were pos ted in the Pioneer Platoons. Out of these, four Head Constables were posted against the posts of Sub-Inspectors in these Platoons.

(d) With a view to comply with the direc-tions of the Supreme Court in a writ peti tion No. 980-A. orders have been issued on 10-6-87 giving *ad-hoc* appointment to the 96 persons in the Pioneer Platoons so that they could draw the salary of the posts they were holding since their initial appointment. The question of regularisation of appoint ments in accordance with the Recruitment